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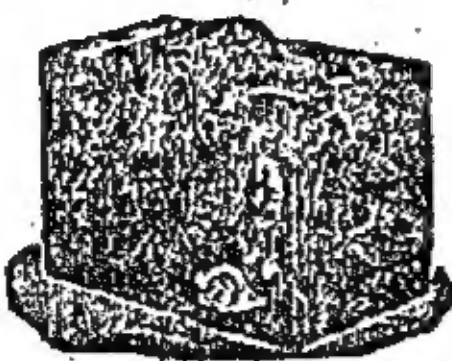
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On 16th February, at Shanghai, the wife of

DEATHS.

On 16th February, at Shanghai, FRANK DALLAS, aged 40 years.
On 16th February, at Shanghai, Captain FURBER, late of the I.C.S.N. Co.'s steamer Kingpin, aged 40 years.

The Daily Press.

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 21st, 1905.

The old story of the immaculate honesty of the Chinaman in business matters, as compared with the legendary dishonesty of the commercial Japanese, never really ceases to be told, but lately, for some unexplained reason, it is experiencing a revival, and is cropping up in the world's press with a quite uncalled for emphasis. The popularity of the recent Chinese loan may have had something to do with it. This loan, which led to quite a siege of the London branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is supposed to be needed to repair the deficit caused by the Chinese Government's undertaking to pay the foreign indemnities in gold; and there are symptoms of a reactionary sentiment of sympathy with the Imperial debtor, the sentimentalists forgetting the nature of the circumstances which created the debt, and altogether ignoring the long record of broken promises and evaded obligations that stands to the eternal discredit of "honest John." How far this sentiment has influenced President Roosevelt's recent action with regard to returning such a large portion of the Chinese indemnity we have yet to learn. The sentimental side of Washington is but rarely evinced without a nucleus of self interest and shrewd business policy concealed somewhere within it. If it be tinged at all with the idea that China is being unduly oppressed by her

creditors, it is a great mistake. If the truth, the whole truth, were known, it would be soon that Peking could have paid these debts without this latest loan. That of course would have needed more honest administration, and greater warranty for the untruthful adage that attributes to the Chinaman a commercial honesty transcending all others. The EMPRESS-DOWAGER's edicts forbidding the spending of money on birthday celebrations in her honour sounded very well, indeed; but if their sincerity be gauged by what actually occurred, we cannot think very highly of her protests. There was, if we may believe repeated reports from Peking, a more than usually scandalous waste of money in connection with the birthday of that old woman, whose position of power with regard to the vital affairs of the largest community on earth is a source of wonder and regret to all who are able to view affairs without taking the things that are as a matter of course. The wasteful progress of the Imperial likeness from Peking to St. Louis is still remembered, with as much regret as amusement. The leakage of national funds in the one small corner allotted to the sick man, the miserable creature whose only use in the world is toady to his Imperial mistress's vanity and perverted affection, is another item worthy the attention of the sympathetic. It is useless perhaps to mention the enormous sum recently wasted in fireworks. Even more enlightened peoples share the barbaous delight in mere noise, however much it costs to produce; but the fact that this extravagance is imposed on the very poorest of HAN must qualify the reflections on the distressing poverty of this strange people. The theory of the Chinese scrupulous honesty gains strength at China New Year, the popular impression being that the Celestial starts each year "square" and free of all debt. We see him going round with a paper lantern looking for his debtors, and imagine some resemblance to the classical Diogenes who also used a lantern in his hopeless search for an honest man. The DIODESSES of to-day might find room for cynicism in the admitted fact that the lantern carrying Chinaman is looking for his debtors, not for his creditors. It seems to indicate that the honest debtor is a rather shy bird, to need so much stalking. It is also quite certain that the wanted settling up at this season is fictitious, if not hypocritical. To pay his debts the debtor frequently incurs new ones, like the Russian national financier. The only real difference is, in the majority of cases, that creditor PAUL of 1904 is paid off by making POORE the creditor in 1905. The Japanese have an almost identical fashion of New Year settlements, and why the Chinese should earn a reputation for honesty that is withheld from the Japanese, on this ground, is a mystery to be explained only by the eccentric inconsistencies of popular judgments.

By the homeward-bound French mail steamer, leaving at mid-day, 249 paroled Russians are travelling from Japan to Port Said.

Racing men will be startled by the announcement that Frank Dallas, a well known Shanghai jockey, is dead. He was a big, healthy looking man.

The case of an employe of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's Manila establishment is under investigation. He is charged with being a contract employe from England.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 19th February, 1905, were 223 non-Chinese, and 96 Chinese to the former, and 142 non-Chinese, and 5,060 Chinese to the latter institution.

Henry H. Fengyn, a bartender, is on trial at Manila for bringing counterfeit money into Manila from Shanghai. A large cigar box full of Chinese copper coins corresponding in size to pesetas and media pesetas all silvered over is produced as evidence.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday, Inspector Gould charged a coolie with the larceny of \$10 worth of clothing from a residence in Wanchai. Defendant had a previous conviction, so was sentenced to two months hard labour and six hours stocks.

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday with being in possession of various amounts of illicit opium. Two of the defendants were fined \$500 each or the alternative of three months hard labour, while the third was fined \$120 or three months imprisonment.

Captain d'Antas Ribeiro and officers of the Portuguese cruiser *Adamastor* entertained a large party of Portuguese friends on board on Sunday. They were assisted by officers of the *Dix* and *Rio Lima*. Senior Consolheiro Romano, and Mr. and Mrs. Laires, were amongst the guests. Dancing, music, decorations, and sparkling wine—all tended to happiness and an entire cordial between the European Portuguese and their brethren of the Orient.

Mr. F. Bornemann, merchant and commission agent, has sent us a very artistic Chinese calendar.

We are asked to state that on the night of the ball at Government House, 22nd instant, special trains and ferries will be run as follows:—Trains at 1 a.m., 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. Ferries at 1.30 and 2.30 a.m. Full dress will be worn.

Sergeant Sim went over to Aberdeen on Saturday last to execute an opium warrant. He did not find any opium on the premises, but found a suspicious looking banner. This on being submitted to an expert, was pronounced to be a flag of the Triad Society. For having it in his possession the native was sent to gaol with hard labour for six months.

Two firemen of the *s.s. Fegga*, both named Anderson, being intoxicated, attracted the attention of a luhong. One of them struck the policeman on the chest with a bottle of whisky. The bottle was broken, and the contents saturated his clothing. The constable called assistance, and the Andersons were taken to No. 7 Police Station. They were placed before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday. The one who committed the assault was fined \$7; the other \$3.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce is called for Tuesday next the 28th inst. We would draw the attention of members of the Chamber to the advertisement setting forth the business to be transacted. Besides the usual routine business it is proposed to submit resolution asking that the Chamber of Commerce may be given an opportunity by the Government of expressing their view upon any proposed legislative arrangements likely to affect freedom of action, in the trade of the Colony.

ALLEGED MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY.

Another application for extradition was made to Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding, made the application on behalf of the Chinese Government. Prisoner, who was not represented, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Pollock, in opening the case, stated that the crime was alleged to have been committed on the 16th June 1904 when an attack was made on Ngan Kok Shin village in the San Ming District of the province of Kwang Tung by a band of upwards of 100 robbers. When the robbery was going on reports of firearms were heard. A great many houses were broken into that night and many robberies were committed. There was a sort of general melee between the robbers and the villagers. As the result of the visit to the house with which we are concerned, the defendant is alleged to have killed Li Chong Shun's father, and Li Chong Shun was robbed of \$120 in cash and various other goods and chattels.

As the extradition papers only referred to the charge of armed robbery Mr. Pollock said he would formally withdraw the charge of murder. Li Chong Shun declared: I am a student residing at Ngan Kok Shin village. My residence is about four changs from the East gate of the village. On the evening of the 16th June our cook went out to buy goods. Shortly afterwards he came running back calling out "thieves." My father immediately got on to the roof of the house and beat a gong. Just then the thieves broke in the door. There were about twenty of them, headed by the defendant who carried a gun. Before the defendant entered, he shot at my father on the roof and he fell to the ground. The defendant then beat his brains out with the butt of his gun. One of the other robbers took hold of me and covered me with a revolver, telling me that if I moved I would be killed. Leung Tung then came up and asked where my money was. I said "In the room." Defendant said to the robbers "Go in and get it." Then five or six men went into my father's room, and five or six into mine. I heard the boxes being broken open, and my wife and children crying. The robbers gathered all the clothing they could find and put them into about twenty baskets, which they carried into the yard. They then said "Let us go into the next house," and they left. They took about \$120 in silver belonging to me. Several of the robbers, armed, held me while the others ransacked the place. Most of the robbers were armed, some with knives and firearms, others with axes. After leaving my house I heard them breaking in other doors. Then several gongs were beaten, and the robbers ran. After consulting with the elders of the village, we sent a petition to the Sun Hing Magistrate, and he came and made inquiries into the case on the 16th June. I am quite sure that defendant was the leader of the band.

F. J. Buley, Captain Superintendent of Police, gave evidence as to the identification of prisoner from amongst twelve officers in the gaol compound by two of the witnesses in the case.

Further evidence was adduced and His Worship informed the defendant that he would be committed to gaol pending the order of the Governor as to whether he should be surrendered. If he liked, he could apply for habeas corpus within fifteen days.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 20th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen throughout China and has fallen in Japan. The depression referred to yesterday has moved eastward into the Pacific. Gradients are moderate over the east coast of China and slighter upon the south coast. Fresh N.E. monsoon will prevail in the Kormen Channel and to the northward of it and moderate to fresh N.E. winds in the northern part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds, overcast, hazy.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

CONTRABAND STEAMERS CAPTURED.

The *N.C. Daily News* had the following captures reported by telegraph:—

TOKYO, 12th February.

The German steamer *Paros*, bound to Vladivostok with military supplies, was seized on Friday off Hokkaido. (The *Paros* is a steamer of 2,598 tons gross, belonging to the Deutsche Levante Linie, of Hamburg).

TOKYO, 14th February.

The British steamer *Castor* has been released.

TOKYO, 15th February.

The British steamer *Apollo* with coal, and the *Seafarer* with foodstuffs, were captured yesterday off Hokkaido. (The *Apollo* is a Newcastle steamer of 2,461 tons net, which left Barry on the 7th of December last for Bangkok. The *Seafarer* (whose capture was reported on private information some days ago) is a London steamer of 1,065 tons net, which has been lately trading on the coast).

RACING NOTES.

News of the death of Sir Robert Jardine, head of the "princely house" which has always been a conspicuous supporter of our annual Race Meetings, coming as it does in the Race week, excited fears that the meeting would be deprived of much of its interest, as indeed would have been the case had the doors of Jardine's stables remained closed for the week. We understand however, that the ponies already entered for the various events will not be withdrawn; but the usual time will not take place.

[Advertisements in another column announce that in the case of Mr. John Peel's stables the colours will by permission of the stewards be changed to all purple; and in Mr. Johnstone's case the colours are changed to "yellow black and cap".]

Some half dozen first-class jockeys from the north, who have been regular attendants at the Hongkong Races, are absent this meeting.

The tipsters confess themselves baffled by the apparent equality of this season's griffins. Our own prophet, however, risks his reputation on the following selections:—

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.
Rosy Nora Rose 1
The Duke 2
Cebu 3
The Squaller and Praps may have a look in. It being such a short race, a great deal depends on the start.

VICTORIA STAKES.
Cornet Rose 1
Heather King 2
Ca Canny 3

VALLEY STAKES.
Gam Rose 1
Blackbird 2
Fife 3

A very open race. H.E. the Governor's Ching would have had a good chance if he had been sound.

MAIDEN STAKES.
Umbrian King 1
Invincible Rose 2
Casado 3

FOCKOW CUP.
Polka 1
Rare Rose 2
Algerine 3

GARRISON CUP.
Norman King 1
Empress of India Rose 2
Equimant 3

CHINESE CLUB CUP.
Frederic King 1
Alarm 2
K.O.B. 3

Polley and Highland Chief may have a chance if well ridden.

LUBRANTO CUP.
Tuscan King 1
Haythrop 2
Lamarque Rose 3

HONGKONG CLUB CUP.
Ard Patrick 1
Scottish King 2
La France Rose or Border, Balier 3

ENCLOSURE STAKES.
Highland Chief 1
Berkley 2
The Spirit 3

FIRE.

Truly a remarkable place for fires is Tung Lei Lane. The outbreak which occurred about 7.30 last night is the third we have recorded from this place within a month. The fire originated in an oil and matting shop, and was soon burning fiercely, the sky being brightly illuminated. Showers of sparks were blown by a fairly strong breeze in all directions. The brigade turned out under Deputy Superintendent Holfax and Chief Inspector Baker. Two fire engines, also the fire launch, were got to work pumping water and soon a strong pressure was brought to play on the burning premises. The fire, as before stated however, had a very strong hold, and before its progress could be stayed, caught on to another oil shop in Newmarket Street. The back portion of this, and the top floor, were practically gutted, while nothing was saved in the Tung Lei Lane shop. It was some two hours before the fire could be got under, and late last night the firemen were still at work putting it out.

At St. Patrick's Hall, near the Peak Tramway Terminus, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday next, the Bijou Variety Entertainers will give a Bioscope entertainment, producing the latest pictures of the Russo-Japanese war. The music loving public will also be catered for.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room on February 20th. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (President) presided, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (Vice-President), the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Col. W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C., Mr. A. Ramjahn, Dr. F. Clark, Dr. H. Macfarlane, Dr. E. Gröns, Dr. Pearce, Mr. F. J. Buley and Mr. T. A. Hammer (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

TOO MANY EXEMPTIONS.

The Registrar General's minutes—I beg to suggest for the consideration of the Board the advisability of directing that a return should be drawn up by the Secretary showing the number of applications for modifications of the Public Health and Building Ordinances and the number of applications granted since the coming into force of the Public Health Building Amendment Ordinance of 1903. My impression is that the Board has been liberal in granting and recommending modifications but that it is not the opinion of the Chinese owners of property and I think the publication of such a return would be very useful.

Mr. Hewitt minutes:—If anything, the Board has been too liberal in granting exemptions.

It was agreed that a return be furnished accordingly.

ABATING OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

Messrs. Leigh and Orange, on behalf of Messrs. S. J. David and Company, applied for exemption from the provision of back yards in respect of Nos. 86 to 100, Market Street, Hongkong, on condition that the kitchens are partitioned off and openings made in the back wall.

Dr. Clark minutes:—I recommend that this modification of section 175 be approved. It has been sanctioned in a number of similar houses at Kowloon. I have arranged with Dr. Pearce that we will recommend the adoption of this device in future only when the lane in the rear is not less than one third the height of the house. It is necessary to have some rule and this, I think, a reasonable one.

Mr. Ramjahn minutes:—Upon what ground have the Medical Officers of Health based the standard of open space in the rear, required in future before modification would be recommended by them for similar applications?

The Registrar General minutes:—If the Board adopts the recommendation of the M.O.H. it should show this is a special case, and why the modification is necessary.

The President moved that the application be granted.

Mr. RUMJAHN seconded the motion. If the exterior wall at the rear were to be taken down it would not only give external air but ventilate and light the premises to a much greater extent. Possibly the Government, which has something like \$200,000 set aside, might be approached with a view to compensating owners of property to take such walls down.

Hon. Mr. JONES: The amount on the estimates is intended for special cases wherein to Government is obliged to give compensation according to the Ordinance.

Mr. RUMJAHN: This is a special case, and in a case like this, compensation would be allowed in England.

Hon. Mr. BREWIN: The Medical Officer of Health had much to do with the drafting of this Ordinance, and might be able to tell us what the draftsmen had in their minds when they used the phraseology "special cases." I should like to hear whether he considers this a special case.

Dr. CLARK: The idea was that there might possibly be certain dwellings in which the wording of clause one could not be carried out. I do not think this is a special case, but I recommended that the same regulation apply to these houses as applies to the houses next door.

Hon. Mr. BREWIN: That is the reading I gave to the clause, and having heard his opinion we might ask him to put in writing his interpretation of this section for our future guidance.

The motion was carried.

A SIMILAR APPLICATION.

Mr. B. Brotherton Harker, on behalf of a client, applied that a lane at Nos. 60 and 69 Praya East be allowed to count as open space.

Mr. Ramjahn minutes:—Application recommended. Of course the owner waives all claims as regards compensation for the scavenging lane, which must be made public.

The Registrar General minutes:—Were not these two stories houses originally? The M.O.H. gives us reasons for his recommendations at the meeting, but it would be much better if they were put on record on the paper itself.

The President moved that the application be granted.

Mr. RUMJAHN seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The following is the return for the week ended the 21st January, at a death rate per 1,000 per annum:—British and foreign civil population, 14.9; previous week, 44.8; corresponding week 1904, 10.2; Chinese population 16.6; previous week, 11.2; corresponding week 1904, 12.2.

BAT RETURN.

For the week ending 11th February 456 rats were caught, of which 19 were found to be infected, while of the 659 caught for the week ending 18th February, 26 were found to be infected.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of this company was held at noon yesterday at Queen's Buildings. There were present:—Sir C. P. Chater (Chairman), Hon. W. J. Gresson and Messrs N. A. Siob, E. Goetz, A. Haupt, H. P. White, E. S. Wheller, J. S. Van Buren and E. W. Tildon (Directors), W. B. Dixon (Chief Manager), T. I. Rose (Secretary), Captain J. M. Hay and Messrs E. George, E. H. Hinds, W. C. Jack, E. S. Joseph, C. W. May, J. R. Michael, M. B. Mitchell, W. Parlane, C. W. Richards, A. Rodger, A. S. Wood, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Shai Wing and Leung Man Pin.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking with regard to the annual report and statement of accounts which have already appeared in these columns, said:—Gentlemen: The report and statement of accounts having been in year hands for some time, I will, with your permission, following a usual custom, take them as read. The net profits for the half year ended 31st December 1904 amounted to \$370,159.00, to which must be added the sum of \$505,471.73, the amount brought forward from our last account, and after deducting directors' and auditors' fees there remains for appropriation the sum of \$864,880.73, as compared with \$954,037.67 for the previous half year, and \$817,940.04 for the corresponding period in 1903. Subject to your concurrence, the Board proposes to deal with this balance as follows:—To pay a dividend for the half year of 12 per cent and a bonus of two per cent to shareholders, amounting to \$350,000, to write off from the value of the Kowloon Docks the sum of \$16,591.66, and to carry forward to new account the balance, \$498,289.10. We trust that this distribution, which we think recommends itself in every respect, will meet with your approval. From the statement of accounts you will observe that the value of material in hand is about the same as at the time last year, the increase of some \$229,000 to which I draw your attention at our last meeting having been absorbed in the completion of the steamers for the Yangtze River and Philippine Government, then in course of construction. The dredger, "Canton River" having been for the greater part of the period under review usefully employed in the work of dredging the foreharbour frontage at the Kowloon Dock, thus enabling vessels of deep draught and great length to lie alongside our wharf when under repair, has not been able to seek outside employment, and her earnings are consequently slight. The decision mentioned at our last meeting to replace the "Fume" by a smaller vessel with modern machinery to work with the "Robert Cooke" is being carried out, and it, when completed, will be found very useful. The returns of tonnage of ships loaded or repaired during the past half year, as compared with the previous six months, shows as was foreboded in the last report a considerable falling off, totalling a decrease of 58,513 tons, and I fear I cannot hold out much hope of improvement in this respect, so long as the present war between Russia and Japan continues. The wiring and motors for a further extension of the electric drive are now deliverable. The power for this and other extensions which we have in view, is already secured, and has been at work with excellent results at low power for the past half year. We may shortly expect delivery of extra cranes for the Engine Works and other tools, and we intend to extend the electric drive to the Sawmill. We have also in view the extension of the Boiler Shop at Kowloon, entailing the acquisition of additional machinery. Improvements are also necessary to both the Cosmopolitan and Aberdeen Docks to bring them properly into line with present day requirements, but these I am pleased to say are not of a costly nature. I am glad to say that we commences this year satisfactorily. Nothing further opens to me for comment, but before formally proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions. As there were no questions asked, he moved that the report and accounts be adopted and passed.

Mr. WOOD: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion, but regret that there is such a large falling off in the number of vessels docked, thereby reducing the earnings of the company.

I trust that the course of which we watch with such painful interest, may soon come to an end, and that this company may share in the revival of trade we may then look for. Meanwhile it is satisfactory to learn that everything is being done to keep the docks, and the machinery employed about them, efficient and up to the requirements of the day. The question of increasing the size of the accommodation of the docks to bring them into the same line is probably a more difficult one to tackle, but the Board has, no doubt, this in mind.

Our thanks are due to the Manager and staff for their share in achieving the results before us, also to the Directors; and if I may do so, I congratulate our chairman on the completion of his second year of service in that capacity, and wish him a good time in his third year. (Applause).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. RICHARDS proposed the election of Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Mr. H. P. White to the Board of Directors. Mr. Parsons seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Mr. WHITE moved, and Mr. JACK seconded, the re-election of Sir C. P. Chater and Mr. J. S. Van Buren to the Board of Directors.

Mr. GEORGE moved that Messrs. Thomas Arnold and H. U. Jeffries be re-appointed Auditors. Mr. Ho Fook seconded the motion, which was carried.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 20th February.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR H. S. BENKELEY (CHIEF JUSTICE).

ARMED ROBBERY.

An Hing, Ho Shing and Mak Sang were charged with having, on the 30th January, while armed with weapons, committed a robbery, and with assaulting a woman.

Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Attorney General, instructed by Mr. G. E. Morrell, of the Crown Solicitor's office, prosecuted.

All three prisoners pleaded guilty.

His Lordship—You are quite right to plead guilty, as the evidence is conclusive against you. You despoiled this poor woman of property amounting to \$400. As you have pleaded guilty, that will be taken into consideration; but your offence is a very serious one, there being very few more so. You robbed people with threats of violence. You are each sentenced to three years' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch on the first fortnight.

THE ROBBERY FINANCY.

Wong Mi, Ng Kam and Kwok Cheung were charged with having, on the 13th January, in the waters of the Colony, being armed with knives and revolvers, assaulted seven persons, and then stolen some \$2,000 worth of property.

Kwok Kin Tsui, an old man, and Loung I, an old woman, were charged with receiving some of the stolen property.

Mr. H. G. Calliess, acting for the Attorney General, instructed by Mr. G. E. Morrell, prosecuted; and Mr. N. Forster, instructed by Mr. H. S. Benkeley, defended the man and woman charged with having received stolen property.

The first three prisoners pleaded guilty to the charge of armed robbery, the second and third prisoners asking for mercy because they were poor.

His Lordship said—You three men plead guilty of having been members of a large gang of ten or twelve who boarded a junk which was peacefully passing through the waters of this Colony and being armed with revolvers and knives drove these peaceable people with threats of violence and with actual violence, by riding some of them with pepper, down into the hold; and by those acts of violence deprived them of property amounting to large sums. Then you—yes, but fortunately you were captured, and now you come and ask me to desert mercifully from you because you are poor men. The proper course for a poor man is to work honestly for the money he requires to support himself, and not to rob other people of their hard-earned property. Men of your description are a danger to the community. You are each sentenced to five years' hard labour and 24 strokes within the first fortnight.

The other two prisoners pleaded not guilty. The following jury was empanelled—Messrs. G. Grimble, J. H. MacLaren, J. McCordugan, G. White, W. H. Parrell, R. D. Galloway and J. M. Alves.

A verdict of not guilty was returned and the prisoners were acquitted.

BEACHCOMBERS AT HONGKONG.

The list of guarantors given in yesterday's Daily Press was incorrect in two particulars. The number of guarantors by His Excellency the Governor should have read five, not four; and the undertaking of Mr. Finlay Smith was for two, not one.

We learn that one applicant has already come forward; and our previously expressed opinion that this new fund would not, under right management, be frequently taxed, finds striking confirmation in the fact that this first applicant was at once provided with employment, and did not need to "go on the fund."

The four that rumours of the latest benevolence would attract numbers of ill-repute to Hongkong has no ultimate justification. The rumour has unfortunately spread to all quarters of the globe that Hongkong and the Chinese coast is a Tom Tiddler's ground, a paradise for the indolent where windfalls from the Pagoda-tree or yam picking up. Those who come expecting free quarters at the Seamen's Home, unadvised, expose themselves to the deadly insult of being asked work! It is that necessary for the treatment of those who will not work lies to our hands. It is not for us to imitate the methods of Manila, by shipping them elsewhere. The passive treatment of allowing them to wander, and punishing them severely when they do wrong, should thin their ranks in time, and give the Colony a reputation for hard-headedness that it does not at present enjoy among these gentles.

Could anything be more "illustrative" than the recent whine that the whorl "tended to" gully "only of false pretences"? The Government has a Vagrancy Ordinance in force. What more is necessary? The sentimental view expressed in the remarks: "Poor fellow! Destitute! What else can they do? Why doesn't somebody help them?" is not only foolish. It is positively immoral.

The twenty-one guarantors already recorded are ample to do all that is necessary for all the deserving cases that are likely to come up in the next few years.

It is worthy of note, says the Straits Times, that the recent lamentable affair that occurred in Hongkong and resulted in the hanging of three beachcombers, has apparently induced the authorities at that port to take seriously in hand the question of dealing with the beachcombers. It is only too true that we are only too familiar with the evil. Mr. Justice Leslie Thornton took occasion the other day, in Court,

to make a remark about the very unfortunate position in which Singapore was placed by the ending of the *Spondilus* affair, which threw twenty non-British seamen practically on the beach here without any chance otherwise than the very fortuitous one from which all seamen more or less suffer in an Eastern port, of getting a ship again. The situation was accentuated by the added disadvantage that the discharged men are foreign sailors in a British port. These men when they were liberated from the prison to which, they contended, they were most unjustly haled, natty had to resort to the Sailors' Home. It is the matter of residence in this institution which is the main bone of contention also in this Colony. At Hongkong H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan has put forward a new scheme for getting over the difficulty. He proposes that the Benevolent Society should expand their operations in the way of guaranteeing the upkeep of seamen in the Home, who have become destitute through no fault of their own. This of course will not do away with their undesirable and genuine beachcomers who simply live like parasites on the public generosity, but it is excellent as far as it goes, though depending on subscription from the generosity of the public.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the sixteenth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the general manager, on Saturday, 25th February, at 11 o'clock a.m., is as follows:

First—We have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1904.

The net profit, including the amortised brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$545,054.82 which it is proposed to distribute as follows, viz:—

To place to reserve fund \$ 50,000.00
To pay a dividend of 20 per cent 290,400.00
Total \$ 845,400.00

The demand for cement steadily increased throughout the year and the Company's plant is of every kind we could do to increase the output is being put in place. It has been decided to further extend the factory by the addition of kilns and machinery which will increase the present production by nearly fifty per cent. On this account the capital of the Company has recently been increased by special resolution to \$1,000,000. It is anticipated that the additional capital will be all or nearly all subscribed for some time to come.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—The Hon. C. W. Dickson has taken the Colony, the Hon. W. J. G. has been invited to take his place in the consulting committee. In accordance with the articles of association, the Hon. Sir P. Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. W. J. Gresson and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Argue and W. H. Potts, who report in favour of re-election.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

The accounts are as follows:—

| PROFIT AND LOSS. | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Interest | \$ 27,837.50 |
| Dividend income | 1,500.00 |
| Amortisation | 699.00 |
| Amortisation of plant | 101,840.37 |
| Balance | 345,054.82 |
| | \$ 845,400.00 |

| BALANCE-SHEET. | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance brought forward from 1903 | \$ 32,115.74 |
| Balance from working account | \$ 432,745.54 |
| From sales of cement | 101,840.37 |
| From sales of bricks, &c. | 11,347.53 |
| Exchange | 71.50 |
| | \$ 578,060.68 |

| LIABILITIES. | |
|---|-----------------|
| Capital— | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| 100,000 shares at \$10 fully paid up | 1,000,000.00 |
| Reserve fund | 250,000.00 |
| Due to general managers | 1,875.20 |
| Sundry creditors | 67,949.75 |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation | 340,000.00 |
| Amount due on mortgage | 109,376.50 |
| Overdraft | 569,376.50 |
| Balance of profit and loss account | 315,054.82 |
| | \$ 2,231,252.33 |

| ASSETS. | |
|--|-----------------|
| Green Island, Main— | \$ 235,000.00 |
| Bricks and machinery as per last statement | 81,885.25 |
| Stock expended | 317,885.25 |
| Less depreciation | 19,885.25 |
| | 298,000.00 |
| Cement, raw material, stores, &c., as in stock valued at | 115,318.91 |
| Land, buildings and machinery, as per last statement | 1,000,000.00 |
| Since expended | 121,357.11 |
| | 1,355,642.89 |
| Less depreciation | 69,357.11 |
| | 1,286,285.78 |
| Cement, raw material, stores, &c., as in stock valued at | 401,493.17 |
| Land, buildings and machinery, as per last statement | 89,600.00 |
| Since expended | 33,161.51 |
| | 115,161.51 |
| Less depreciation | 7,161.51 |
| | 108,000.00 |
| Bricks, pipes, &c., as in stock valued at | 8,300.00 |
| Cement on consignment valued at | 5,910.00 |
| Office furniture as per last statement | 700.00 |
| Less depreciation | 200.00 |
| | 228,500.00 |
| Premium on life insurance policies | 1,300.00 |
| Steam launch and lighters | 50,770.00 |
| Stock expended | 15,400.00 |
| | 75,270.00 |
| Less depreciation | 5,235.00 |
| | 70,035.00 |
| Cash on hand | 10,358.99 |
| | \$ 2,231,252.33 |

THE SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of this Company was held at Shanghai on Feb. 19th. There were present—Mr. E. J. Young, Hong Kong (Chairman), Messrs. A. McCord, C. W. Wrightson, J. M. Young (Directors), and Messrs. J. J. Chellor, H. J. Clark, H. Edlall, C. D. Kerr, J. N. Jameson, Archibald Little, W. D. Little, W. C. Murray, H. A. J. Macray, F. B. Picaire, F. H. Parrell, T. von Rucker, A. Shawan, C. L. Sites, J. Sampson, and A. F. Wood, representing 3,540 shares.

The Chairman—The first resolution I shall have to propose will be the adoption of the report and accounts. Before dealing with the business of the meeting I am sure the shareholders will join with me in an expression of deep regret at the death of Mr. Smith, who was one of the originators of the company, and who has been so closely connected with it ever since. We have been very greatly indebted to him for his services. I presume that, as usual, we may take the report and accounts as read. They can hardly fail to afford you satisfaction, showing as they do the maintenance of the sound earning power of the company and giving evidence of the great value of the land held by the company. The realization of the substantial amount of our reserve funds gives us the strength that is so important to us. Turning to the accounts—the Working account shows a slight increase in charges and salaries, due to the extra expenses arising from changes in the staff. Our working account is slightly greater than last year, although a good deal of money has been spent on repairs so as to keep our buildings well up to the mark. You will find that in the profit and loss account is included the profit of \$1,83,085 on the sale of a portion of Jinkee (No. 6) estate, a sale which was brought to your notice at the last annual meeting, and on which I need not comment further now. The transfer of the respective reserve funds as shown in the accounts have been made in accordance with the recommendations of a year ago, and they have placed these accounts in a satisfactory position. We only propose this year to carry over the usual interest on undeposited estates to credit of Reserve Fund and a small amount to bring the special Reserve Fund account up to the sum of \$1,700,000. In regard to the balance sheet we have spent some \$1,200,000 on buildings on No. 2 estate and a small amount on No. 4 (Jinkee) is of course reduced by the sale of a portion of the property to the German Club. No. 8 is increased by the outlay on building added to last year. As the report explains, there have been some delays in completing this work, but we propose to make a beginning with the building there this year. Otherwise there is not much change in the cost of our properties. Where there is any alteration the added interest on vacant lands will almost entirely account for it. The company has \$1,700,000 out on profitable and well-covered mortgages and this shows a slight reduction on the amount shown last year. Beyond this, gentlemen, I do not think I have much to say, but I may mention that we are commencing certain developments during the year which promise to become lucrative. Before putting the resolution to pass the report and accounts I shall be glad to afford any further information that any shareholder may desire.

There were no questions.

The Chairman—I beg to propose that the report and accounts be approved and adopted. In the report you approved and adopted, there was a change in the directorate. Mr. Kincaid's place having been filled by Mr. McCord. In passing the report you will confirm this appointment.

Mr. Young seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—
Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Wrightson: That the directors be authorized to pay a final dividend of 6% on the paid-up capital, and a bonus of 2% per share to shareholders on the register at that date.

Proposed by Mr. W. D. Little, seconded by Mr. Macray: That Sir Charles Hodgson be re-elected a director for the year 1905.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Young, seconded by Mr. Murray: That Mr. G. E. Wingrove be re-elected an auditor for the current year.—N.C. Daily News.

CHINESE MISSION TO INDIA.

On 8th February there left Singapore for Calcutta the Chinese Imperial Commission, Tang Hsiao Ching, accompanied by Si Yi, who are on a mission to the British Indian Government for the purpose of coming to some understanding on the Tibetan question. Their way in India is likely to be one of several months. From Calcutta it is proposed that they should proceed over the Himalayas and return to Peking overland by way of Tibet, thus having a full opportunity of making themselves acquainted with the country and the existing conditions therein. The first Commissioner is a gentleman thoroughly conversant with Western ideas, he having at one time been a representative of his Government in the United States and has travelled extensively. It is stated also that it is H. E.'s intention to travel about India. Arrived at Lhasa his Excellency will have his hands full, for Tibet has special reference to the reorganization of that region. Having full powers to deal with him by the Throne there is little doubt but that, with his exceptional talents and abilities, the High Commissioner will do a good deal that will be beneficial to the Tibetans and so prevent any recurrence of those events that led to the recent British Indian Expedition into that region. The High Commissioner made several official visits to the Chinese mission and was entertained to a banquet by the Chinese merchants of the Colony.—Straits Times.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Malta* left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst. at 8 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 24th inst. at 4 p.m.

The I.G.M. steamer *Sachsen* left Kolo via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday night, and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Regent Luitpold*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 31st Jan., left Colombo on Saturday, 19th, and may be expected here on Thursday, the 2nd March.

The I.G.M. steamer *Zaaten*, which left here on Wednesday at noon, arrived at Singapore on Sunday at 10 a.m.

The I.G.M. steamer *Princess Alice*, which left here on the 16th inst. at 5 p.m., arrived at Shanghai on Sunday at 10 a.m.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar*, from Hongkong, arrived at Vancouver on Sunday, the 19th inst. at 3.30 p.m.

The Shire Line steamer *Fitzhugh*, from London, &c., left Singapore on Sunday morning, and is due here on Saturday afternoon, the 25th inst.

The N.D.L. steamer *Wilhelm* left Sydney on Saturday at 2 p.m.

THE NORTH SEA COMMISSION.

[FROM THE TIMES, LONDON.]

Amidst the comparative indifference of the public to the International Commission of Inquiry into the North Sea incident resumed its sittings to-day. So slight is the interest taken at present in its proceedings that only a very few of this morning's newspapers took any notice of it. It will probably require some untoward incident, which happily is not likely to arise, in order to attract public attention to this side of the Channel and the work of the Commission. The fact is that the whole interest in the North Sea incident, so far as France is concerned, centred in the question of peace or war. Now that it is believed that peace is no longer threatened, few Frenchmen care what comes out of the inquiry. But for members of the delegations, the French exception, were known in this country before their appointment. Thus the local circumstances of the Commission were not so much a matter of course as they were in France. 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